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Examiner: Edward Joseph Wojciechowicz

In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

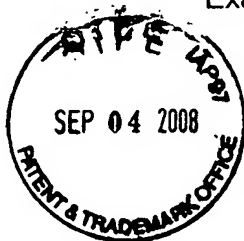
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD  
THEREOF

Atty. ref.: AI 412NP



INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT AND  
CERTIFICATION

September 4, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), i.e. prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Attached are copies of one Japanese patent document, one English-language article and one European patent document, which were first cited in the attached European Search Report, dated June 11, 2008, which was issued in connection with the European patent application No. 04808090.7. Also attached is an English-language abstract of the Japanese patent document from which any relevance of the document can be gleaned. The documents and the article are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

It is brought to the Examiner's attention that JP patent document No. 1-196859, which was also cited in the aforementioned Search Report, is not being submitted with this IDS since it was previously submitted, along with its English-language abstract, with the IDS filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 28, 2006, with the filing of the above-identified application.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

Since this IDS is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all listed documents. Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested.

Should any fee be required, however, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and is requested to advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Berdo, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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